

REMARKS

The office action of June 1, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Applicants thank Examiner Saether for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with the undersigned and Applicants' representative during an Examiner's Interview on October 24, 2005. No new subject matter has been added and reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

112 Rejection

The previously pending claims have been rejected as being indefinite. Newly presented independent claim 7 has been redrafted and is believed to be fully in compliance with § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Obviousness Rejection

Previously pending claims have been rejected as being obvious over Thompson in view of Nakanishi. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the pending claims.

Independent claim 7 recites, in part, abutment surfaces (and other aspects relating to same) associated with the snap-on hooks, and other features which are not present in Thompson. Nakanishi and the other art of record fails to fairly teach modification of Thompson to arrive at the invention of claim 7. Accordingly, independent claim 7 and claims 2-6 and 8 dependent therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for

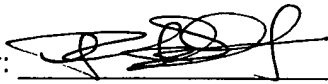
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allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at
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